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Copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,948,678; 5,792,632; and 5,474,896 are enclosed.

Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in or cited by the Examiner in prior application numbers 09/244,130, filed February 4, 1999; 09/119,024, filed July 20, 1998 (now U.S. 5,948,678); 08/336,241, filed November 7, 1994 (now U.S. 5,792,632); 08/971,160, filed November 5, 1992 (now U.S. 5,474,896) and 07/879,689, filed May 5, 1992, upon which applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C.

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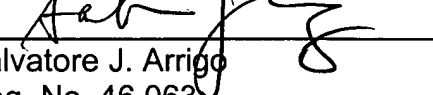
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